GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether doctors in Government hospitals ask the patients to get medicines and other items from outside;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is nexus between the doctors and medical representatives in this regard;

(d) the number of complaints received in this regard in respect of Government hospitals in Delhi and other parts of the country during each of the last three years; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to make available those items and medicines to the patients to these hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) Patients are supplied medicines including essential and life saving drugs in the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. Medicines which are not listed in the Hospital formulary or on rare occasion when a particular medicine is out of stock, patients are advised to get the same from outside.

(c)&(d) No such complaint has been received.

(e) Not applicable in view of (a) to (d). However, Imprest money is always kept with the hospital authorities to meet the exigencies.